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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD FOR JOINING KNITTED FABRICS; the specification of which was filed on March 24, 2004 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/004097 and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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